

JULY

2017 Edition

# RUNWAY 15

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Quiet Flying  
is good business!



# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



## MORE FAA's NON SENSE

\* EAA volunteers cannot receive donations for fuel used to fly their planes for the purpose of encouraging youth to learn to fly.

\* Hundreds of acronyms that nobody knows, and shouldn't have too.

\* Drones legally able to fly in airport traffic patterns without notifying airport managers, only ATC.

\* Nighttime instrument approaches cancelled at hundreds of airports by FAA personnel who are not pilots.

\* A \$5 FAA registration fee on all aircraft every three years including a \$10,000,000 plane that can't fly if not renewed timely by a notice sent through the USPS by a government that can't manage either.

\* Hundreds of NOTAMS, few written with common sense, and no enforcement of un-lite towers, ever, while medivac helicopters continue to destroy them.

\* Appointment of airline pilots as examiners who have not flown a GA plane since they learned to fly, until "asked" to be an examiner by an FAA inspector.

\* Basic Med, more hassle and headache and zero headway.

\* ADSB, designed to be "big brother" over your flying and to "ground" thousands of planes in 2020, thus FAA's continued efforts to further decimate GA activity.

Woody Lesikar

Airport Manager

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## Harris County Appraisal District Committing Illegal Acts

Have you received a Rendition Request for your personally owned aircraft?

The form sent out this year requests information from you that is not only not required by law, but it is a flagrant disregard for the law pursuant to the Texas Property Tax code section 11.14. This law requires appraisal districts not to discriminate against any particular property owner, such as airplane owners. It requires the County to enact certain measures, by notice and vote to tax personally used property. This has not been done. If enacted, it requires the appraisal district to send the rendition notices to all owners of personal vehicles, boats, RVs and airplanes. They specifically are barred

from sending notices only to one group of property owners, e.g. airplane owners.

If you have received a notice, please let me know and if possible forward it on to me for further action by our counsel. This cannot be allowed to stand. We must unite to stop this unlawful act. More later. . .

Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager

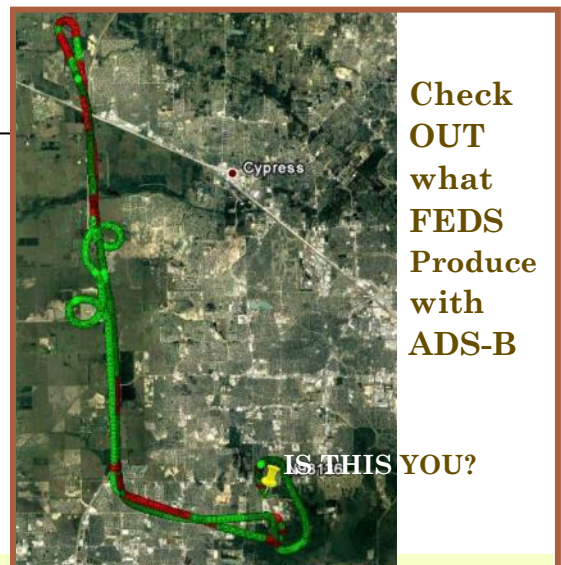
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## Smooth Flying by C.G. "Hank" Henry

You have just obtained your hard-earned Private Pilot Certificate or you may be a veteran pilot. In any case, you want to show your gratitude and give your passenger the most enjoyable ride of their life... not scare the jabbers out of them.

New pilots-especially- have a wife, husband, girlfriend, or another family member that he/she would like to show gratitude or impress by taking them, potentially, for their first ride in a small airplane.

There are several points that are worth considering;



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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

4- Independence Day,

**Quote: Lost student pilot: "Unknown airport with Cessna 150 circling overhead, identify yourself." (unknown)**

**Trivia: What is FOD in the world of aviation? answer: Foreign Object Debris** copyright FunTrivia.com

#### PREFLIGHT Breakfast

**Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pilots/Prospective Pilots Invited. Bring Your Plane!**

#### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Next class starts **Class proposed to start July 17, 2017 Call to confirm.** No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for **half-price.** Start learning to fly today, don't procrastinate.

#### INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

**Call for to sign up, 10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m..** Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Stacy at [stacy@westhoustonairprot.com](mailto:stacy@westhoustonairprot.com) to sign up for the Spring class!

#### FAA SAFETY MEETING,

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm **July 27, contact** [dsvaughncsp@gmail.com](mailto:dsvaughncsp@gmail.com)

#### 99's MEETING

No July meeting, more information Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email [Kathyclark99@prodigy.net](mailto:Kathyclark99@prodigy.net), website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

#### COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Call for tours and flights at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email [info@houstonwing.org](mailto:info@houstonwing.org),

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. July 20, Historian Bob Rosbert "Flying Tigers" Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

**EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, July 24-30, 2017**

**NBAA Meeting and Trade Show October 10-12 Las Vegas, NV**

**DESNAKING August 5&6 Gulf Coast GSP Club, 713-545-7315**

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#### Fuel Price Comparison for June 2017

| JET A                | High | Low   | Avg  | AVGAS (100LL)        | High | Low  | Avg  |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Southwest Region     | 7.14 | 2.45  | 3.91 | Southwest Region     | 7.71 | 3.20 | 4.43 |
| West Houston Airport | 3.86 | 2.74* | 3.30 | West Houston Airport | 4.94 | 4.41 | 4.68 |

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Select a day or part of the day when you are most likely to have smooth air such as early mornings before 0900 or after 1600 (closer to sunset) with winds 10 knots or less. During those periods you should have less thermal currents.

Cooler days and days with high overcast

When the wind direction is close to being in line with the runway, so you are not so likely to be embarrassed in taking off or landing in a crosswind.

A front seat is usually best for a passenger because they can see outside better and maintain a better sense of direction, there is usually less motion and are less likely to get sick.

In warm weather, maintaining good ventilation to combat the discomfort from confinement in a hot and humid cabin. Keep the cabin fresh from engine, fuel, stale and other odors.

If the air becomes a little rough, the pilot must be as smooth as possible. The rougher the air requires the pilot to be the smoothest. Allow no abruptness on any control.

Confine the banks to be 30 degrees or less when hauling low experienced passengers.

Some airplanes are fast enough that, in moderate or heavy turbulence, the speed may have to be reduced.

So keep those flight smooth and calm for your passengers no need to scare them away from flying by being silly or care-less.



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|  |                                      |  |                     |                                   |
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| Dr. Victor Arellano (Pilot)              | FAA Medicals (by appt. only)         | 15410 Ridge Park Dr., Houston, Tx 77095 281-855-2244(o) 281-460-2247(m) ww.tmauc.com |                     |                                   |

### Airport Based Non-Aviation Businesses

|                       |   |              |                             |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Lone Star Rod & Rifle | Purveyors of Fine Sporting Life Hangar B-1    | 281-829-3006 | www.lonestarrodandrifle.com |
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| Infinity Roofing      | Hangar G7                                     | 281-855-2331 | www.infinityroofer.com      |
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